41.	2nd Battalion—The third Gorkha Rifles	18.10.91	400	1
42-43.	Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya—Pupper Kamaladevi Chattaopadhyaya— Hand icrafts	29.10.91	650, 100	2
44.	Chithira Tirunal Bala Ram Verma	07.11.91	200	1
45.	Children's Day	14.11.91	100	1
46.	18th Calvalry	14.11.91	650	1
47.	India Tourism Year-1991	15.11.91	650	1
48.	International Conference on Youth Tourism-1991	18.11.91	650	1
49.	Mozart	05.12.91	650	1
50.	SAARC Year of Shelter	07.12.91	400	1
51.	Run for your Heart	11.12.91	100	1
52.	Asit Kumar Haldar	28.12.91	200	1
53-56.	Yogasana	30.12.91	200, 500 650, 1000	4

Number of Working connections and DELS of Telephones in Orissa

74. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of working connections and DELs of telephone in Orissa; as on 31st March, 1992;

(b) what is the total number of such connections of each major city of Orissa as on 31st March, 1992;

(c) what is the expansion proposed in the current year with places and number of connections in Orissa;

(d) whether Government are aware that in comparison to other Circles Orissa Circle is having lesser number of senior posts and the posts of General Manager Operations, Maintenance, Development etc. have become necessary to provide proper leadership and planning to the system particularly in the high priority sector of Telecommunications; and

(e) by when more posts of Senior Telecom Officers are likely to be sanctioned and officers posted in Orissa Circle?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 80402.

(b) Total No. of working connections in major cities of Orissa as on 31.3.92 is 38507. The details are as below:

Cuttack	11670
Bhubaneswar	13209
Berhampur	4360
Sambalpur	3194
Rourkela	6074
	38507

(c) About 10,000 new telephone connections are proposed to be provided during the current year at various places in Orissa. The names of the places are given in attached Statement (*See* below).

(d) Like other telecom circles, Orissa Circle is also having adequate No. of senior posts based on present work load standards.

(e) As and when the workload justifies the sanction of additional post of senior telecom officers in Orissa, it will be considered.

Statement

About 10,000 new telephone connections are proposed to be provided during the current year at the following places *in Orissa.*

1. Bhubaneswar
2. Berhampur
3. Rourkela Plant
4. Rourkela T. Ship
5. Cuttack (RLU)
6. Cuttack (CRLU)
7. Balasore
8. Bhadrak
9. Baripada
10. Chandipur
11. Puri
12. Jatani
13. Khurda
14. Dhenkanal
15. Keonjhar
16. Damanjodi
17. Koraput
18. Kantabanji
19. Titilagarh
20. Bhawanipatna
21. Khariar Road
22. Kesinga
23. Dhanmondal
24. Paradeep
25. Rajgangpur
26. Kalunga
27. Bargarh
28. Jharauguda
29. Padampur
30. Barapalli

Use of Fax Machine for Delivery of Money Orders

75. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 501 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th July, 1992 and state:

(a) Whether the examination of the proposal to use fax machines for quick delivery of money orders has been completed; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal has been dropped on cost considerations and because of practical difficulties.

Modernisation of Postal Services

76. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any committee to explore the possibility of modernising the Indian Post Office Act in the light of several countries privatising the postal services; and

(b) if so, what are the relevant details in the this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) A Committee has been constituted to review the Indian Post Office Act, 1898 and make recommendations. The terms of reference of the Committee are:

I. to examine the Act in all the aspects, with particular reference to:

(i) the developments in communication by mail in the country in recent years and the likely trends in the future, and the challenges from them to the Post Office,

(ii) the developments in international postal system and the responsibilities that they impose on the Post Office,

(iii) the difficulties felt by the Post Office in practice on account of the limitations of the Act,

(iv) the needs of the society for different Postal services,

(v) the increasing social awareness as to the obligations of the Postal system and its social accountability, and